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Webster's Valedictory

Retiring CIA Director William Webster said yesterday Mikhail Gorbachev's hold on power "is increasingly uncertain" as he struggles to tether his secessionist republics and prevent the Soviet Union's economic ruin.

Webster also said the United States was carefully monitoring increasing Kremlin nervousness over possibly losing control of nuclear weapons deployed around the country.

Webster, 67, spoke with reporters to mark the close of his four-year tenure as director of Central Intelligence.